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2012

REPORT OF THE ILLINOIS HISTORIC PRESERVATION AGENCY

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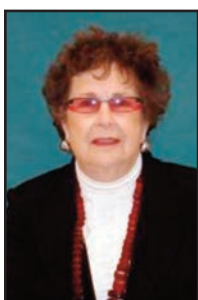
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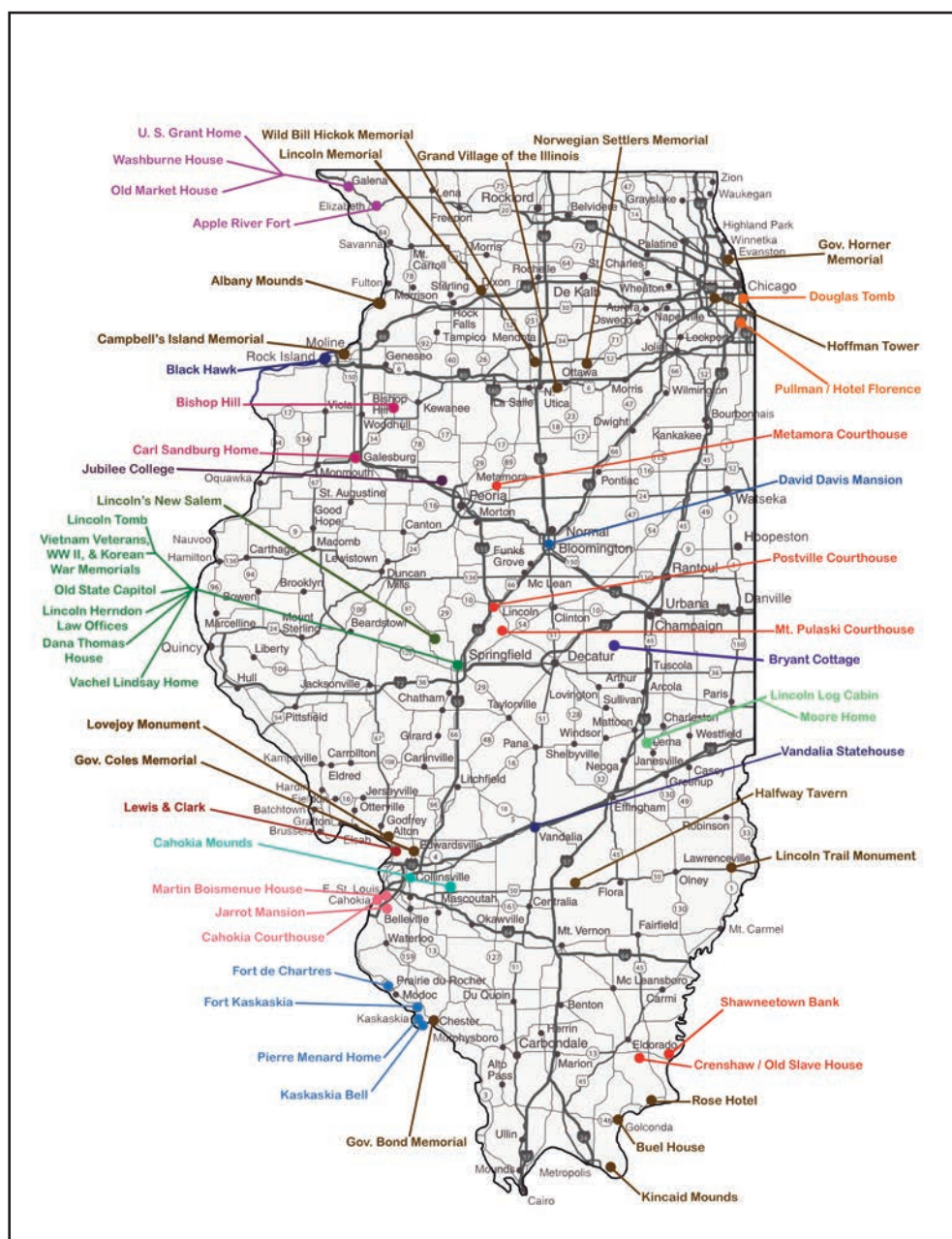


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Historic Sites Division

The Historic Sites Division:

- Oversees 56 historic sites and monuments
- Maintains sites ranging from prehistoric earthen mounds to twentieth-century architectural gems and monuments to individuals and war casualties
- Provides education and cultural programming



Historic Sites

Attendance Increased in 2012

2012 saw an increase of 4.1% in visitation at Agency historic sites over 2011. Twenty-nine staffed sites keep track of the number of visitors.

HPA Sites Attendance		
2010 - 2012		
	2012	2011
Apple River	13,410	13,465
Bishop Hill	27,286	23,601
Black Hawk	127,541	123,772
Bryant Cottage	8,189	6,294
Cahokia Courthouse	2,660	2,779
Cahokia Mounds	282,513	287,525
Carl Sandburg	2,249	2,455
Dana-Thomas House*	27,414	5,625
David Davis Mansion	57,437	61,110
Douglas Tomb	4,838	3,909
Fort de Chartres	38,236	29,157
Fort Kaskaskia	69,999	50,046
Grant's Home	71,354	71,649
Jubilee College (closed)	0	0
Lewis and Clark	82,659	79,261
Lincoln Log Cabin	75,619	81,640
Lincoln-Herndon	34,911	36,565
Lincoln Tomb	318,138	286,464
Lincoln's New Salem	402,860	410,546
Metamora Courthouse	12,322	13,074
Mt. Pulaski Courthouse	1,875	1,596
Old Market House	23,223	23,900
Old State Capitol	102,589	109,805
Pierre Menard Home	2,829	2,697
Postville Courthouse	1,716	1,950
Pullman	14,951	11,501
Shawneetown Bank (closed)	0	0
Vachel Lindsay House	4,880	4,445
Vandalia Statehouse	19,083	33,312
Vietnam Veteran's Memorial	156,815	130,822
Washburne House	782	593
TOTAL	1,988,378	1,909,558

*Dana-Thomas closed Jan - Nov



An anniversary . . .

Lewis and Clark State Historic Site celebrated its 10-year anniversary in December. The site reached the 1 million attendance mark and remains popular with visitors. The site also increased outreach programming to include more school visits, which have declined due to school budget concerns.

Historic Sites

Donations Increased in 2012

Donations collected at the sites (where donations are collected) increased in 2012 from 2011. The total donations collected statewide in 2011 were \$324,239.91 and in 2012 were \$419,395.98. At a few historic sites this year, including Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site and Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site, signs for suggested donations were revised, raising the amount. At Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site that resulted in an increase of 20% in donations.

Historic Sites Inventory and Assessment Tool Completed

A study of this type had not been completed since 2008. This assessment allowed the Director, Deputy Director, Division Manager, and other staff to have

new evaluations of the sites completed by the Site Superintendents. This assessment tool was completed for the staffed historic sites and asked questions relating to the following: site mission, interpretive story of the site, personnel/staffing, property use, energy conservation, significance of the site/historic buildings, collections, exhibits/interpretation, programming, visitation, market, donations/fundraising, foundations and support groups, and partnerships/stakeholders. The results of these will be used to guide the future.



Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site saw a 20% increase in donations in 2012.



As part of a candlelight tour of Springfield-wide historic sites, the Lincoln Tomb was lit with artificial candles for its first-ever candlelight tour.

Program Highlights

Many sites saw an increase in participation in ongoing programs and special events, while others introduced successful new programs. Some new program highlights include the first candlelight tour of Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site as part of The Fiery Trial: Civil War Stories by Candlelight, a “Birding in the Bottomlands” at Fort Kaskaskia State Historic Site, and “Holiday Stories with Santa” at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site.

Historic Sites

The History Comes Alive program ensured that guests and residents of Springfield found the historic downtown and the Lincoln historic sites bustling and alive with costumed interpreters portraying the people who lived and worked in Springfield as Mr. Lincoln's neighbors and friends.

History education and arts programs were presented, along with living history programs at numerous historic sites—Lincoln's Home National Historic Site, Old State Capitol State Historic Site, Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, and a variety of other historic locations, as well as throughout the businesses and streets of downtown Springfield. History Comes Alive enabled the Old State Capitol to develop new educational programs for the fall and winter seasons, including the Soldiers' Aid Society and the Civil War Campfire. Further, volunteer recruitment was significantly enhanced in 2012, resulting in an increase of 150% at the Old State Capitol.



A troupe of young people—The Lincoln Troubadours—performed at downtown Springfield historic sites as part of the History Comes Alive program.

Observing the Civil War Sesquicentennial

At Agency Historic Sites: The 150th Anniversary of the Civil War in 2012 was commemorated at many Agency historic sites. The events and exhibits included the Donelson-Grant-Shiloh lecture at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, the David Davis Mansion's annual Civil War Days, Galena State Historic Site's Civil War Encampment, and Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site's 123rd Illinois Civil War

Muster. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site commemorated the Civil War through two plays at Theatre in the Park: "Civil War Journeys" and "Damn Yankees!" The Old State Capitol State Historic Site hosted a wide variety of events throughout the year including: Civil War Medical Encampment, Civil War General of the Month, Civil War Songs and Ballads concerts, Meet a Boy in Blue, Springfield Ladies Soldiers' Aid Society exhibit, Life and Limb: The Toll of the Civil War, the National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit, and the exhibiting of the Illinois 95th Infantry flag.



Historic Sites

On the Web: The official website of Illinois' Civil War Sesquicentennial <http://www.illinoiscivilwar150.org/> garnered almost 300,000 hits, and visitors downloaded more than 2,000 documents and resources available on the site. Roughly 600 events were received and posted to the site's calendar of events. Additional resources and links were added to the site as well. Twelve monthly features were produced, edited, and presented on such topics as women in combat, mourning, youth in uniform, Governor Yates, and army deserters.

Consolidating Springfield Historic Sites

Five Springfield historic sites—the Vachel Lindsay Home, Dana-Thomas House, Lincoln Tomb (including the War Memorials), Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, and the Old State Capitol—are now under one management umbrella as The State Historic Sites at Springfield. This initiative will allow for better coordination of events, programs, and volunteers and provide flexibility in assigning staff and resources. Where appropriate, programming and events will be scheduled across sites and marketed as a whole rather than each individual site. This effort will hopefully expand the visitation at all the sites, as well as provide a single source of information when working with other tourist attractions in the city of Springfield.

Passport to History

This project is being implemented with the assistance of State Farm. The goal of the project is to encourage Illinois citizens, especially children, to better connect with the state's historic sites through the promotion of the sites as a family-oriented destination for learning and enjoyment. At the four sites where the program will be piloted, families will receive a passport containing photographs, information, and questions about all the state historic sites. Outside of the four sites, the passport will be available for download for all to use and enjoy. As a family visits each site, they will receive a stamp or sticker in their passport. The passports will also contain links to local tourist information to assist with travel plans.

Driehaus Courthouse Initiative Grants

In 2012 three Agency historic sites—Old State Capitol, Metamora Courthouse, and Vandalia State House—received Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Courthouse Initiative Grants through Landmarks Illinois as part of a four-year \$1 million program to support repairs at historic county courthouses.



In October, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the Washburne House in Galena to celebrate the completion of the exterior restoration.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

- Interprets the life and times of our greatest president and their relevance to modern America
- Fosters scholarship
- Preserves the documentary and visual history of Abraham Lincoln and Illinois
- Supports historical literacy through an ambitious agenda of changing exhibits, theatrical performances, conferences, lectures, educational programs and online content

A milestone . . . The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) achieved a notable milestone by welcoming its three millionth visitor on August 21, solidifying its status as one of the most visited Presidential Library complexes in the nation—with an average annual attendance of 300,000 visitors.

Exhibits

The temporary exhibit *To Kill and To Heal: Weapons and Medicine of the Civil War* opened in May. This in-house produced exhibit features the weapons used to fight the Civil War, the wounds they caused, the diseases and infections that were rampant during the war, and the medical personnel who treated the sick and injured. A complementary four-sided kiosk exhibit developed by ALPLM staff is now available for loan. The scheduling and delivery of the seven-foot-tall exhibit is being handled by the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition.

Highlights

- Original copy of the 13th Amendment, February – May, Museum Treasures Gallery
- “Big Three” Lincoln documents – Gettysburg Address, Emancipation Proclamation and 13th Amendment – February 9 – 13, Museum Treasures Gallery
- Former Polish President Lech Walesa exhibit, February 10 – March 5, Museum



Former Polish President Lech Walesa received the Lincoln Leadership Prize from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

- Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary exhibit, March – May, Museum
- Gettysburg Address, June 1 – September 4, Museum Treasures Gallery
- Mary Lincoln's Extravagances, August 10 – November 30, Museum Treasures Gallery
- Vachel Lindsay exhibit, June 27 – October 31, Museum
- Emancipation Proclamation, September 5 – December 31, Museum Treasures Gallery
- Lincoln agricultural and educational artifacts, September 26 – December 31, Museum Treasures Gallery
- Historic Santa Claus exhibit, November 2 – December 31, Museum
- Benito Juarez exhibit, December 5 – December 31, Museum

Mary Lincoln-Themed Events

A year-long series of events produced in conjunction with the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission focused on Mary Todd Lincoln's original 1875 Insanity Trial. A roundtable discussion on mental health issues featuring historians, attorneys and mental health professionals was held April 16 in the Senate Hearing Room at the State Capitol Building. The discussion formed the basis for a session in June during which representatives from the Illinois State Board of Education worked



Springfield Re-trial (left to right): Hon. M. Carol Pope, Hon. Lisa Holder White, and Pam Brown.

with the experts to formulate new curriculum for Illinois students concerning the issues of mental health and women's rights. Modern judges served as



Chicago Re-trial at Murphy Auditorium.

attorneys for the plaintiff and respondent during the Mary Todd Lincoln Insanity Retrials on September 24 in Chicago and October 1 in Springfield. The audience, serving as the jury in both locations, reversed the original 1875 Insanity verdict. And two "Culture of Clothing" events

November 12 in Chicago and November 19 in Springfield featured Mary Todd Lincoln's life and fashions as a homemaker, the First Lady, and a widow in mourning after the loss of three sons and a husband.

Presidential Museum

Speakers

Speakers and authors attracted thousands to special programs that increase the public's knowledge of history and culture. A number of speakers and authors presented programs at the ALPLM during 2012, including:

- Renowned African American history expert Dr. Charles Branham, February 27
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Matteson, “Eden’s Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father,” March 15
- Fashion historian Holly Kent, “The Evolution of Fashion,” March 20
- Author Randall Fuller, “From Battlefields Rising: How the Civil War Transformed American Literature,” April 10
- Author David A. Joens, “From Slave to State Legislator: John W. E. Thomas, Illinois’ First African American Legislator,” March 28
- Authors Jason Emerson, “The Madness of Mary Lincoln,” and Catherine Clinton, “Mrs. Lincoln: A Life,” April 16
- Historic art conservator Barry Baumann, April 26
- Author Jean Baker, “Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography,” June 19
- Baseball historian Mel Marmer, July 7
- Best-selling author Stephen Carter, “The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln,” August 2
- Author Stacy McDermott, “The Jury in Lincoln’s America,” September 20
- New York Times best-selling author Ron White, “A. Lincoln: A Biography,” October 2
- Author James Wright, “Those Who Have Borne the Battle: A History of America’s Wars and Those Who Fought Them,” November 14
- Author Amy Greenburg, “A Wicked War: Polk, Clay, Lincoln, and the 1846 U.S. Invasion of Mexico,” December 5
- Author Guy Fraker, “Lincoln’s Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit,” December 6.
- ALPLM Historian Mark DePue, Civil War battle programs—Shiloh, April 5; Antietam, September 13; and Fredericksburg, December 13.



Stephen Carter, author of the alternate-history novel The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln, is shown here with ALPLM Director Eileen Mackevich.

Presidential Museum

Special Programs



The Heavens Are Hung in Black, featuring veteran Lincoln actor Fritz Klein, was staged by the theater staff at the ALPLM.

The ALPLM-produced and-directed play, *The Heavens Are Hung in Black* was held over two weekends in October. It drew nearly 1,500 people and generated more than \$22,000 in admission sales. The first-ever “Spooktacular” family event October 18 drew 360 people to the Museum for Halloween season family fun. A program on two African American Civil War heroes was presented for local elementary school students on December 7 and 8.

Promotion

Promotions aimed at increasing Museum

attendance and reaching new audiences included the Benito Juarez temporary exhibit which opened December 5, and outreach to Latino communities through associated programming. Outreach to Asian communities continued as follow-through from last year’s Mahatma Gandhi temporary exhibit. During the summer of 2012, any alumnus of a Morrill Land Grant College could obtain reduced admission to the Museum as part of the 150th anniversary observance of President Lincoln’s signing of the act that made many state universities throughout the country possible. “Abe on a Stick,” a hand-held fan distributed at the Illinois State Fair and other venues, encouraged Museum visits by offering discounts to those who brought the fans to the Museum. The Museum offered free admission to participants in *Smithsonian Magazine*’s Museum Day on September 29, and several hundred visitors took advantage of this offer. November featured a Black Friday promotion allowing a family of any size to visit the Museum for a single \$10 charge, and several hundred people were welcomed through this promotion. Reduced admission was offered for anyone with a ticket stub from the Steven Spielberg *Lincoln* film, and our public relations staff successfully generated nationwide media interest in the ALPLM by promoting the visit Daniel Day-Lewis made in 2010 to prepare for his lead role in the film.



Miss Illinois—Brittani Schisler—holds an “Abe on a Stick,” which offered discounts to visitors presenting them at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

Presidential Museum

Technology

The new website for the Presidential Library, designed by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services, was launched in February following extensive input from Library employees. The new website makes it easier to use the Library's resources. A new website for the Museum was in design in 2012 and launched in 2013. In other technology-related developments, new LED lights were installed in the Museum that provide a significant energy cost savings while better protecting the ALPLM's collections; a mobile website was launched July 10 for the "History Comes Alive" program in which the ALPLM participates, making it easier for visitors to learn about these living history programs at Springfield Lincoln sites; and the new School District Reorganization section of the Library's Oral History program was launched October 25, offering on-line access to stories about this important topic told by the people who lived through the issues of school consolidation, annexation and closing.



Social Media

The ALPLM received national and in several cases international publicity through its traditional and social media efforts in 2012. Besides publicizing the discoveries, acquisitions, exhibits and events at the ALPLM during 2012, the institution courted the entertainment media by hosting a critics' screening of the film *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* in February and by publicizing its role in the research and planning for the Steven Spielberg film *Lincoln*.

Facebook likes: 14,371

2,653 Twitter followers

976 Pinterest followers

228 Instagram followers

283 YouTube subscribers

37,872 subscribers to bi-monthly e-blast



Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library is a dynamic institution with ever-expanding collections that are essential to understanding the history of Illinois and its most famous citizen, Abraham Lincoln. The Library's extensive collection of Lincoln materials, photographs, manuscripts, and primary resources provides the backbone for much of the public programming at the Presidential Museum and at the Agency's state historic sites.

Library visitors (Exhibit only)	50,679
Library researchers (who signed the guest book)	2,312*
Inquiries answered	5,057

**Estimated number of actual individual visits is in the 5,000 range*

Acquisitions

Several donations and acquisitions during 2012 helped bolster the ALPLM's collections. A rare original photograph of escaped slave and Union Civil War hero Nathan Hughes was acquired and donated by the Marks and Salchi families of Chicago. The Langum family donated 160 years' worth of family papers, photographs, audio and video recordings, which will prove to be a rich genealogical resource. The only known contemporary tribute to Lincoln made in Spain was purchased and donated by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Indiana's Wabash College donated its large Richard Yates collection to the Presidential Library, greatly supplementing the Library's collection on Illinois' Civil War Governor. And descendants of banker Benjamin B. Sherman donated two letters from Mary Lincoln, one from Robert Todd Lincoln, and a ledger book detailing the effort to financially assist Mrs. Lincoln after her husband's death.



This print of a Sanitary Commission fair can be found along with historical photographs and other artifacts in the Boys in Blue exhibit.

Exhibits

Boys in Blue II: Illinois Answers the Call. Part II of this successful exhibit focused on Illinois regiments raised to fight in the Civil War during 1862, including African American regiments. The exhibit will be completely updated with new material for 2013 to focus on the mid-point of the war, the year 1863.

Presidential Library

The exhibit also encouraged hundreds of visitors to ask the Reference staff to help them answer the question “Do you have a Civil War soldier in YOUR family?”

Several other temporary exhibits were featured at the Library in 2012, including: *Lincoln, the Wrestler* (January 5–17) and Boy Scout Pilgrimage badges and artifacts from 1947 to 2011 (March–April).

To Kill and To Heal: Civil War Weaponry and Medicine. This exhibit, which opened in the Illinois Gallery in the Presidential Museum, was a joint effort of Library staff (notably manuscript librarian Glenna Schroeder-Lein, who is an expert on Civil War medicine) and Museum exhibit staff.



Research Assistance

Provided in-library research assistance. Library staff worked with six Springfield-area elementary and high school classes totaling 250 students to acquaint them with the resources in the premier collection of materials on the Prairie State’s history.

To Kill and To Heal: Civil War Weaponry and Medicine—an exhibit prepared by the ALPLM—used artifacts and photographs to tell the story of the battle casualties, disease, and their treatment.



The Library bustled with activity as groups of area students used the Library’s extensive state history collections to explore research topics.

Mary Lincoln Insanity Re-Trials.

Provided research assistance for the “Mary Lincoln” programs that were held in conjunction with the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission.

Center for Digital Initiatives

The center is a joint effort of the Museum and Library to digitize items in the collections and make those digital images available on the Internet. The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation awarded the project a grant in the amount of \$32,745 and the National Historical Publications and Records Commission a total of \$80,000 over three years.

Presidential Library

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Advisory Board

Governor Pat Quinn appointed all of the members of the newly-activated Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Advisory Board and the group held its first meeting, where committees reaching into key areas of the Library were established. The board's members have wide expertise on areas of critical importance to the Library and will advise the ALPLM on ways in which operations, acquisitions, and publicity could be improved, and its members will also assist with the focus on earning accreditation from the American Association of Museums.

Members of the board are:

Steve Beckett, Champaign

Leigh Buchanan Bienen, Evanston

Dr. Charles Russell Branham, Chicago

Donna M. Carroll, River Forest

Gary L. Hammons, Springfield

Dr. Ranjan Karri, Springfield

Dr. Richard J. Meister, Oak Park

Patrick T. Reardon, Chicago

Richard Craig Sautter, Chicago

William Thomas, Atlanta

Sean Vinck, Chicago

Interactive Website Features Lincoln Artifacts

“Under His Hat,” an interactive website featuring items from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library’s Lincoln Collection, went online in 2012.

Now those who can’t visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum can view 39 items associated with the 16th President. The items—including pens and an ink well from Lincoln’s desk, a page from Lincoln’s “sum” book (the earliest known surviving writing), and campaign memorabilia—were photographed and digitized as part of the Lincoln Collection Digitization Project. A resource guide that correlates with objectives in the National Common Core Standards makes “Under His Hat” readily available for the classroom.

The website was funded by a generous donation from AT&T to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation, with additional corporate sponsors Chase, Caterpillar Inc., and Archer Daniels Midland Corp.



Digitized images of items from the Library's Lincoln Collection are viewable online in "Under His Hat."

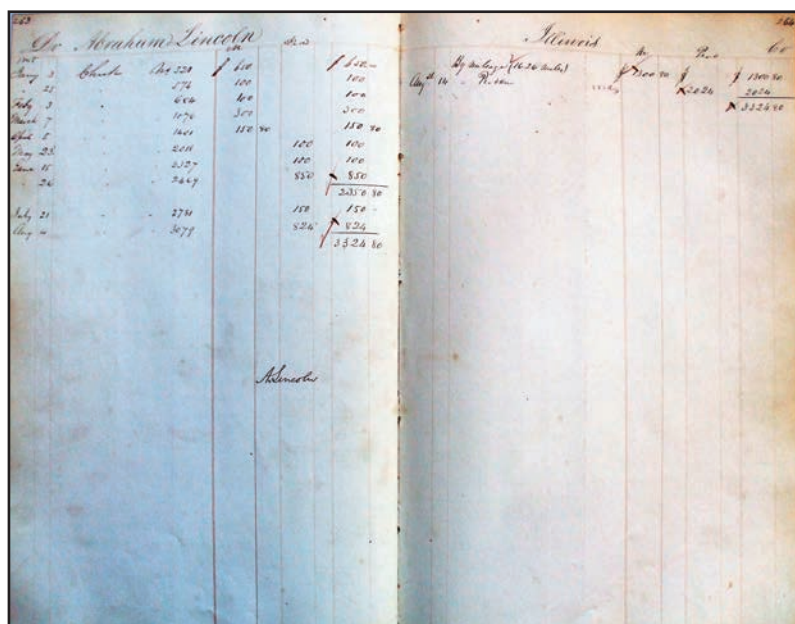
Papers of Abraham Lincoln

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a long-term project dedicated to identifying, imaging, transcribing, annotating, and publishing all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln during his entire lifetime (1809–1865).

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln is a project of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, with two co-sponsors: the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois-Springfield and the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Highlights

- Received worldwide attention for discovery of an assassination report written by Dr. Charles A. Leale. Staff was interviewed by CNN, NBC, MSNBC, NPR, BBC, and dozens of other newspaper, radio, and television outlets. Estimates are that combined media outlets reached 1 billion people.
- The National Historical Publications and Records Commission, which provided a grant of \$107,585 in 2012, remains a critical sponsor for the project. NHPRC provides funding to defer personnel costs, and it lends prestige. The National Endowment for the Humanities also provided a Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant of \$57,000.
- Received private grants totaling more than \$430,000, including the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund \$297,532; Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund (discretionary) \$100,000; Shapell Manuscript Foundation \$25,000; Abraham Lincoln Association \$5,000.
- Began international search for Lincoln documents with visits to Japan, Australia, Great Britain, and Canada. The staff corresponded with individuals and repositories in Portugal, Switzerland, Denmark, and Thailand.
- Continued locating and imaging thousands of documents at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.



The Papers of Abraham Lincoln project continues to seek out documents related to the sixteenth president, such as this ledger.

Communications

Number of news releases:

400+ news releases generated thousands of news stories in Illinois and across the country.

Media tracking:

2,000+ news stories related to Illinois historic sites and 1,200+ about the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Still, the numbers are undoubtedly an underestimation of our true media presence. The tracking focuses on Illinois newspapers, capturing relatively few broadcast stories or national stories, such as Associated Press articles that run nationwide. It also does little to show what's happening online.

Highlights

We seized on the release of Steven Spielberg's Lincoln to promote our historic sites and the Lincoln Presidential Museum. This included reminding reporters of the Museum's assistance in making the movie and of the Lincoln experts available for interviews. We also did frequent interviews promoting bargain admission prices for people who bring in "Lincoln" ticket stubs.

We worked with producers of Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter to have movie critics visit Lincoln Tomb and see excerpts from the movie at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

The Museum promoted discussion of women's roles in the nineteenth century with Mary Lincoln as the focus. This included sanity "trials" in Chicago and Springfield, cooperation with the State Board of Education on a related curriculum, an exhibit of Mary Lincoln artifacts at the Museum, and a display of Mary Lincoln's fashions in Chicago and Springfield.

The Communications section also helped with new outreach to Latino populations and Spanish-language media to promote an exhibit on Mexican President Benito Juarez.



The Academy-Award-nominated Lincoln offered many opportunities to promote Agency Lincoln sites and the ALPLM. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis and author Doris Kearns Goodwin examine items from the Lincoln Collection as they prepared in 2010 for filming.

Communications

Communications helped promote several new exhibits and programs around the state. They include two at the Old State Capitol: a holiday event for children and a “general of the month” exhibit, which highlights Civil War generals with Illinois roots.

The *To Kill and To Heal* exhibit on Civil War weapons and medicine got significant attention, including a high-profile story in the *Champaign News-Gazette*. A display of Lincoln memorabilia at Metamora Courthouse got similar coverage from the *Peoria Journal Star*.

The announcement of an agreement to erect a Purple Heart monument at Oak Ridge Cemetery was reported in newspapers across the state. When the Lincoln Papers Project unearthed a doctor’s firsthand account of Lincoln’s death, it made headlines around the state and even the country.



Engaging young people in the values embraced by Abraham Lincoln is one goal of the ALPLM. These authors (pictured with ALPLM Deputy Director Dave Blanchette) penned award-winning essays on the topic “If I Were Santa Claus.”

Fiscal

FY10 - FY13 Appropriations				
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
General Revenue Fund	12,888,300	10,795,600	9,223,000	8,322,200
IL Historic Sites Fund	2,933,700	4,237,400	4,210,300	3,891,700
Presidential Library & Museum Fund	9,885,800	11,120,600	11,000,000	6,500,000
Capital Development Fund	143,000	143,000	143,000	143,000
Historic Preservation State Trust Fund	a 3,875,000	725,000	0	0
Tourism Promotion Fund	b 0	0	0	9,800,000
Local Tourism Fund	c 0	0	0	2,000,000
	29,725,800	27,021,600	24,576,300	30,656,900

a) The Historic Preservation State Trust Fund was created due to an appropriation error in FY10. Monies from the Historic Sites and Presidential Library & Museum Funds were moved to this fund until corrected in veto session and then returned to original funds in FY11

b) The Tourism Promotion Fund was used in FY13 to replace GRF needs for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

c) The Local Tourism Fund was appropriated in FY13; however, the Agency agreed to not spend the funds due to cash flow issues.

Staffing

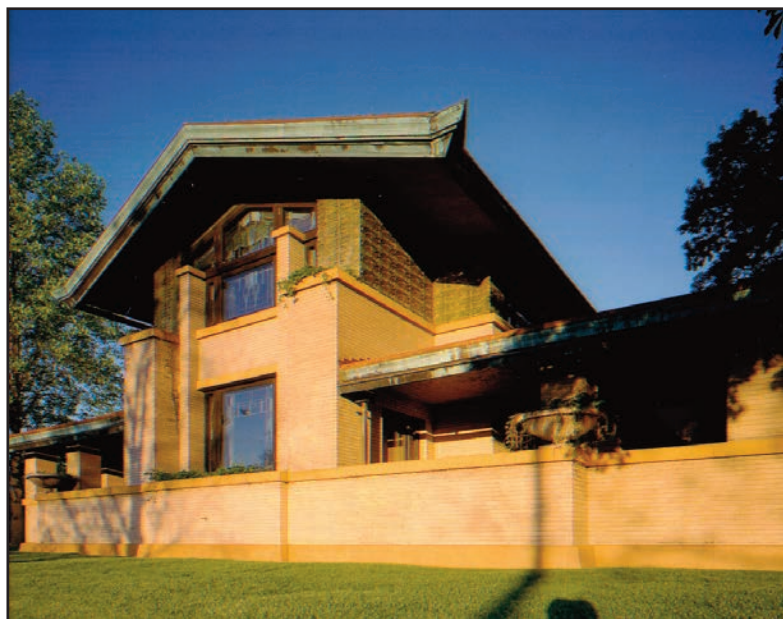
FY10 - FY13 Headcount	Actual June 30, 2010	Actual June 30, 2011	Actual June 30, 2012	Estimated June 30, 2013
Executive Office	17	15	15	16
Preservation Services	15	14	13	14
Building & Grounds Maintenance	7	7	7	7
Historic Sites	72	71	64	68
Presidential Library and Museum	77	73	67	77
	188	180	166	182

Facilities Management

Saving history isn't quick—and it isn't easy, especially when it involves fragile, deteriorating historic sites. Securing the funding through appropriation is only one step in a process that requires the Agency to work with the Capital Development Board, project architects and contractors, and sometimes with other state agencies to complete projects on historic buildings, infrastructure, and support structures at our facilities.

Notable 2012 Projects

- Completed \$3 million upgrade at the Dana-Thomas House: Modified/upgraded HVAC system, upgraded security/fire alarm systems, installed new wheelchair lift, repaired gutters, repaired/installed new protective window assemblies, and restored interior finishes.
- Began \$4 million project at Pullman Hotel Florence to be completed in April 2013 to replace roofing, restore exterior wood, restore main-floor interior, install elevator and public restrooms.
- Completed planning for \$700,000 project at Lincoln Tomb to restore interior plaster, the gold leaf and silver leaf details and painted assemblies, and the bronze and marble assemblies, and upgrade the interior cove lighting in the rotunda and burial chamber.
- Began \$1 million design phase at Lincoln-Herndon Law Office (Tinsley Shop) for a project to restore first two interior floors and exterior to original shop.
- Began \$1.6 million design phase for Pullman *Advance* rail car restoration. The project will provide limited stabilization of rail car and transport to Pullman north factory exhibit bay to be facilitated as a museum.
- Created paved walkway to fort at Lewis and Clark State Historic Site to make access ADA compliant (an IDOT project using Transportation funds).



Facilities Management

Projects undertaken with funds from legislative grants to associations and foundations affiliated with the Agency:

- \$50,000 to Galena Foundation to paint and repair/restore exterior of the Washburne House.
- \$50,000 to Save Illinois History to replace roof of Pierre Menard Home near Chester.
- \$98,000 to the New Salem Lincoln League for projects at New Salem to be determined by IHPA and the Lincoln League.
- \$120,000 to Galena-Jo Daviess County Historical Society and Museum to procure land surrounding Washburne House.

Projects undertaken with \$75,000 from Richard H. Driehaus Courthouse Initiative grants from Landmark Illinois, with matching funds coordinated by GOMB through DCEO.

- \$62,000 for Old State Capitol exterior lighting and painting of entrance doors
- \$72,000 for Metamora Courthouse cupola repairs/restoration
- \$12,000 for Vandalia State House interior/exterior repairs/restoration



The Vandalia State House, constructed in 1836, was once the seat of Illinois government. Later, it served as a county courthouse. In 1918 the State of Illinois purchased the building, and in the 1930s and 1940s restored the building to its Lincoln-era appearance.

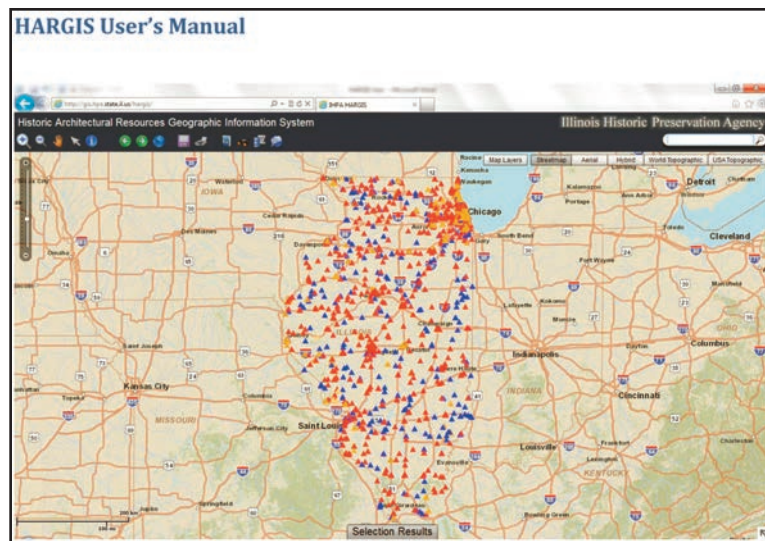
Other projects accomplished with funds negotiated with GOMB, CDB, community groups, and associations/foundations:

- \$171,000 in critical and emergency repairs at eight sites
- \$67,000 in joint IHPA/foundation/association critical projects
- \$57,000 in joint IHPA/foundation/association critical projects planned
- \$785,000 in critical capital projects funded, including a \$400,000 project to repair upper “drum” section of Old State Capitol and \$280,000 to replace failed audio-visual system at Cahokia Mounds Museum

Information Technology

The simple truth is this: If the Agency's computers aren't working—and working well—the most routine of tasks becomes a problem. The IT staff works daily to maintain the computer network and individual computers, while implementing new software and hardware, providing training, and consulting on computer-related issues such as the development of websites. Some special projects of note:

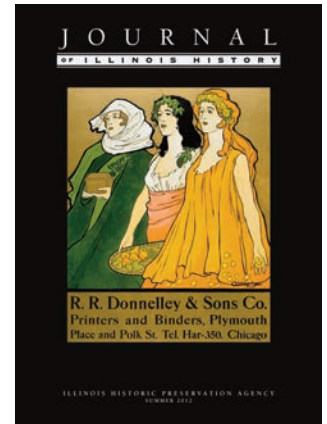
- Digitization. For the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's "Boys in Blue" project—the digitization of photographs of Illinois Civil War soldiers—staff set up four workstations and configured the digitizing software, as well as trained five part-time staff for the project.
- Implemented Sharepoint for maintenance of the Library's website, which can now be readily updated by staff.
- Ordered, installed, and maintain wireless ticket scanners at the Museum to scan e-tickets for special events.
- New Historic Architectural Resources – Geographic Information System (HARGIS) application launched. A greatly improved and updated on-line mapping and research tool for information about the historic resources in Illinois went online in May. Data and scanned photographs and background documentation for almost 78,000 buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts in Illinois has been logged into HARGIS.
- Worked with Library staff in the use of ContentDM, a software package that is used to store and provide access to digital versions of primary source material. Several staff at the Library are using ContentDM to publish materials online.



A computer-screen view of the HARGIS website.

Constituent Services

Produced the *Journal of Illinois History*. Founded in 1998, the *Journal of Illinois History* provides documented research on the Prairie State's history that ensures a record for this generation and for future generations who will study and interpret the state's history. The quarterly *Journal of Illinois History* is the most respected outlet for scholarly writing on the state's history. *Journal* articles are peer-reviewed by academics from across the country, and *Journal* editors fact-check manuscripts to ensure their accuracy. An average of 2,000 copies of each quarterly issue was distributed, with 17% of them going to library subscribers, meaning the *Journal* gains additional readers who use library copies.



Conference on Illinois History. Working across Agency divisions, the Constituent Services staff joined with the Library and Museum staff to plan, promote, and execute the state's largest conference devoted to the study of Illinois history. The October 2012 conference—the fourteenth annual—attracted approximately 250 attendees, including academics, teachers, and interested members of the public, with strong participation of Agency staff. The session on Agency historic sites was the best attended of all the Conference sessions! Eight workshops were created for junior high and high school teachers, with a total of 30 teachers attending one or more of the sessions.

History Fairs/Annual Illinois History Expo. The Agency continues a decades-long history fair program that encourages students in every part of the state in the study of Illinois history. Preparation of History Fair papers, documentaries, websites, and acting performances enhances student learning in important ways, honing important



The 2012 Illinois delegation of qualifiers for National History Day.

skills such as critical thinking, communicating with an audience, technological skills, and literacy. 2012 statistics for number of students participating in regional history fairs: Western 284, Southern 462, Northern 580, Eastern 171.

Many students moved on from the regional fairs to the annual Illinois History Expo held in May. Nearly 1,200 (1,192) students from 100 schools competed for awards for exhibits, research papers, multi-media programs, websites, and performances. Expo winners moved on to National History Day (NHD), held in June near Washington, D.C. Three Illinois students received medals at NHD, a dozen others were finalists, and three more projects earned special awards.

Preservation Services

The Preservation Services Division:

- Serves as the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for Illinois, with the responsibility of administering federal and state historic preservation programs and laws
- Reviews projects involving state and federal funds to determine impact on historic and cultural resources
- Administers the National Register of Historic Places for Illinois
- Conducts surveys of historical and archaeological resources
- Works with local governments to develop historic preservation programs that will qualify them as Certified Local Governments (CLGs)
- Administers tax incentive programs that encourage rehabilitation and re-use of historic resources
- Provides education, training, and technical assistance to the public
- Provides design services to the Illinois Main Street program

National Register

One of the highest visibility preservation programs, the National Register of Historic Places includes 1,700 Illinois places, including more than 200 historic districts with more than 70,000 total structures. Staff oversaw the nomination of 20 places to the

National Register in 2012. One noteworthy nomination in 2012 was the Chicago boulevards system, which includes several parks and more than 2,000 structures.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Albion was listed on the National Register on February 15, 2012. This was the first property in Edwards County to be listed. Illinois now has at least one property in each of its 102 counties included in the National Register.

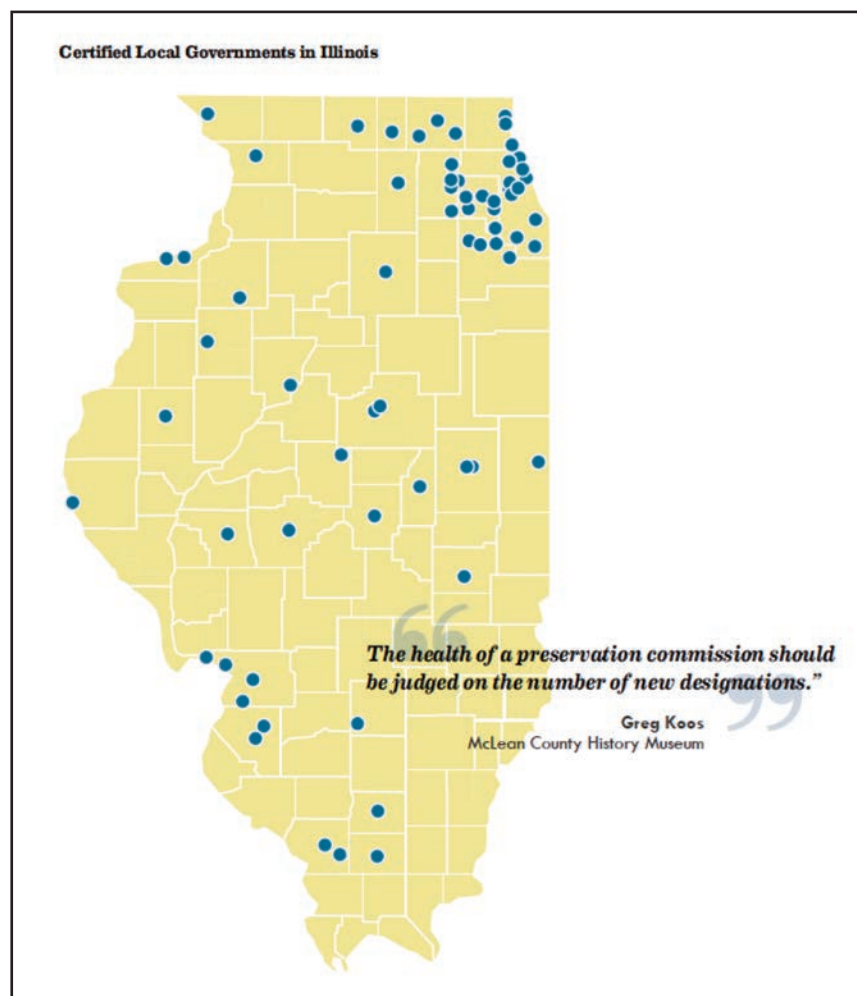


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HARGIS – Historic Architectural Resources – Graphic Information System

A new map-based data base containing information about more than 125,000 properties in Illinois replaced a “one-of-a-kind” software program that proved to be difficult to maintain and expand. The new system uses a mapping platform that is fairly standard for government GIS databases in Illinois and the nation. Updating the properties on HARGIS is expected to take several years.

Certified Local Governments (CLG)



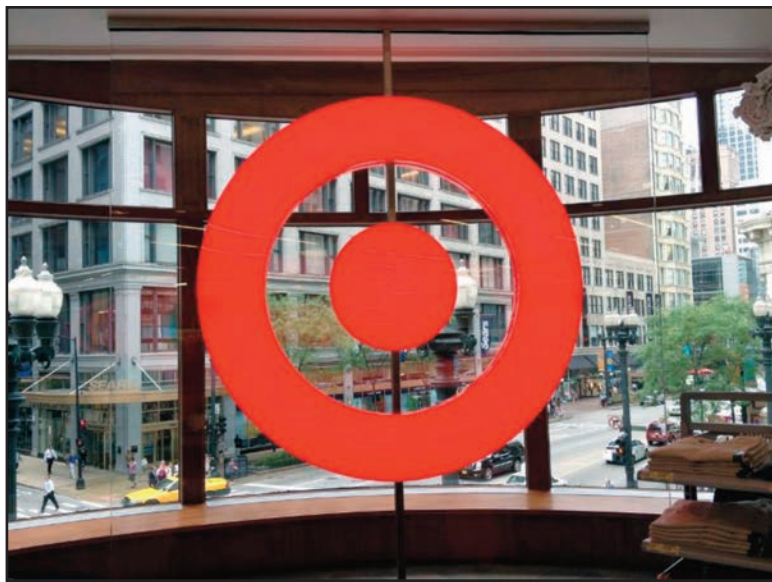
With 76, Illinois is fourth in the nation in the number of Certified Local Governments (CLG.) As part of the SHPO’s requirement to “pass through” 10% of its federal appropriation to CLGs, twelve governments received a total of approximately \$110,000: Aurora, Chicago, Crystal Lake, Galena, Glen Ellyn, Kankakee County, Macomb, Marshall, Ottawa, Plainfield, Rock Island, Urbana, and Will County.

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Tax Incentives for Historic Preservation

In 2012, tax incentives stimulated \$400 million of private investment in historic properties in Illinois, creating thousands of construction and related jobs. In 2011, Illinois led the nation in tax credit use.

The grand opening of the new Target store in the landmark Carson Pirie Scott store in Chicago took place on July 29, 2012. This project put a major modern retailer back in this landmark department store, one of the most important buildings ever designed by Louis Sullivan. The Carson Pirie Scott store is a National Historic Landmark and a designated city of Chicago landmark. The overall Sullivan Center complex is the largest historic tax credit project in Illinois with a rehab cost of \$220 million. In addition to the federal historic tax credits, the project also received city TIF funding, which helped with the restoration of major exterior features of the building, including the replication of the missing cornice and ground-floor cast-iron restoration.



Regulatory Programs

Each year, the regulatory programs of the National Historic Preservation Act integrate with federal and state undertakings of all types and sizes. In most cases, the IHPA findings show that no historic properties will be affected, and our role in the program

is quickly resolved at the planning level. In other cases, our role varies from that of economic analysis, planning alternatives or design review when historic properties are being renovated. This program covers more than 5,000 undertakings per year, including archaeology.



IHPA and DNR cooperated on several cemetery workshops in Illinois. Volunteers participate in cemetery preservation workshops. These workshops place special emphasis on the care and conservation of grave markers.

Preservation Services

The Preservation Services architectural staff provides essential consultation to the Main Street program, which is administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, with Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon as ambassador for the program. Main Street encourages partnerships with local stakeholders, who support the local program, to build the local community and to foster economic development while maintaining the unique, historic character of each district. Most of all, Main Street offers a practical, comprehensive methodology for commercial district revitalization and advocates local self-reliance.



Last year, 220,000 tons of CO2 were avoided in Illinois because of SHPO programs

Each year, IHPA prepares a report to the Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council about the environmental impacts of the Agency's operations. This year's report featured a new calculation – the avoided impact of not constructing new buildings because historic buildings were reused. Not only were these historic buildings reused, but these were also buildings that were renovated to make them more energy efficient. Several noteworthy projects in the past year were also LEED certified, further recognition of historic preservation meeting modern green standards.

Each year, historic preservation programs utilized by IHPA promote the renovation of several hundred historic buildings across the state. Some of these properties receive the federal rehabilitation tax credits or the state property tax assessment freeze. Other properties come under our review because of other state or federal programs that are meeting their historic preservation responsibilities. The outcome of these programs results in millions of dollars of reinvestment in properties that needed substantial rehabilitation to extend their useful life. Renovation and renewal, rather than demolition and replacement yields great environmental benefits, and we have some new tools to calculate this.



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This annual report is my last major project for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which I joined upon its founding in 1985 when the staff of the Illinois Department of Conservation's Historic Sites Division was combined with the Illinois State Historical Library to form the new agency. I have appreciated the support of agency directors, the good humor of my coworkers, and the determination of my staff to do their best work. My retirement is effective February 28, 2013, and I leave my capable staff—Shanta Thoele, Bill Tubbs, and Pete Harbison—to carry on, in every sense as defined in *Webster's*.

—Evelyn Taylor, February 21, 2013